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## THE "INSIDE STORY."

Lincoln Steffens' "inside story" of the events leading up to the confessions made by the McNamara brothers is printed in the Tribune. It is more than an exact narrative of the growth and progress of a most dramatic sensation—it is a noble contribution to the sociological history of the republic. It is a tale of unselfish effort born of an altruistic inspiration, the story of the successful labor of one who took upon himself a great task in sheer love of his fellow men, with the earnest desire to do what in his power lay to set aright conditions gone far wrong. All the world knows what measure of success attended his endeavor. It but remained for him to tell the purpose that inspired it and the methods he employed to obtain results.

"What are we going to do," he asks in the course of his narrative, "about conditions which are breeding up healthy, good-tempered boys like these McNamara boys to really believe, as they most sincerely do—they and a growing group of labor—that the only recourse they have for improving the condition of the wage-earner is to use dynamite against property and life?"

Well, what are we going to do? Vengeance is not a remedy. Conditions capable of inspiring such beliefs are not to be extinguished by any punishment the collective power of society can administer with whatever majesty of form or severity of application. Back of the beliefs are the conditions, and the responsibility for the conditions rests upon us all—upon the laborer at the forge, the merchant in his counting room, the preacher in his pulpit, the editor at his desk and the carpenter at his bench, upon all classes of men and women equally.

Take the McNamara brothers. They have wickedly waged actual war on society for years. What was its motive? What was the real purpose behind the murderous blows they leveled at the structure of which we all are builders? It was not the hope of gain. It was not the gratification of passion. Cold, deliberate and systematic, the operations of the war were conducted with the impersonal regularity of the ticking of time clocks they set for the explosion of their dynamite-filled bombs. Why did they enlist in such a horrible crusade of murder?

Lincoln Steffens tells why. "I have talked with these men in their jail," he says, "and I think I know them and something of what they think. They think they are serving a cause, that they are fighters in a war."

If society means to solve the problems that confront it, and it must solve them if civilization is to be maintained, it must first strive to understand the true nature of these problems. Indifference means failure, and neglect will inevitably result in overwhelming social disaster. It must find its way into the minds and hearts of men of the McNamara type and assimilate and comprehend all that there it discovers. It must put itself in their place and look out upon life from the dark viewpoint of their souls and then, in that knowledge, set about the readjustment of affairs in the faith that when the causes have been removed the evils will be destroyed. Such as the McNamaras are, they are the products of conditions that society has allowed to develop unchecked, and society cannot escape its share of responsibility for the results.

If there be, as dynamited ruins and filled graves attest, men who have come to believe that labor's only weapon for redress against hardship and injustice, real and fancied, is the bomb, that only through the coercion of violence can it achieve recognition of its rights, so are there men so given to the idolatry of money that they would coin into capital the tears of women, the opportunities of children and the lives of men. They would extend the hours of labor to the utmost limit and reduce wages to the lowest minimum on which human life can be sustained. They care for the welfare of those whose death-sweat swells their fortune than if the men and women laboring in their service were beasts of the field.

The Tribune declares again that capital henceforth must check the excesses and extortions committed in its name and resolve upon a revision of the scheme of distribution of the profits that flow from labor. In the same manner, organized labor must cast out from its councils advocates of violence and seek betterment of conditions in an appeal to the enlightened conscience of the people, relying with certainty upon the justice that sits enthroned in the bosoms of the men and women of the republic. If society has been blind to the growth of unwholesome conditions threatening its very safety, if it required successive shocks of exploding dynamite batter-

ing the foundations of the social structure to arouse it to the menace of the hour, there are indications that it is preparing to atone for its neglect and meet its responsibilities. Deep down in the hearts of the people is an unquenchable love of fair play and a living conscience is the deathless tenant of our republic's soul. Doubt not that there will be justice done, that greed on the one hand will be commanded to a cessation of wrong-doing and that violence on the other will be restrained. But should capital and labor approach the solution of their problems with mutual contrition for their offenses and, in a spirit of noble fraternity, deal with each other in reciprocal consideration, we should witness then the beginning of the building of the kingdom of God on this earth. Why should not the reconciliation be brought about? Why should not this city of Los Angeles, the most severely wounded of all the victims of the policy of violence, take the initiative in establishing the new social order, and meeting guilt with the merciful judgment taught by Christ, seek to build up new system under which capital and labor should be allied in fraternal co-operation on a basis of economic justice?—Los Angeles Tribune.

## COLORADO KNOWS CARROLL.

Commenting on new camps in the state of Nevada—the greatest mining state in the Union—the Denver Mining Record has the following to say of Carroll.

"Another newly opened region that is attracting attention in Nevada at this time is the Carroll or Gold Basin district, a few miles distant from the town of Austin. Attention was drawn to this region some time since by the finding of a rich ore, and a large number of mining men have since been in there sizing up its possibilities.

"An interesting feature in connection with these instances is the interest displayed by mining men in the possibilities which may be held by the new camps. Rushes to scenes of new finds, while not on as large a scale as at the height of the boom a few years ago, still are bringing in men from all directions. They are coming, not merely out of curiosity or on the chance of being able to locate a claim lying near the original strike, but also they are coming with money to buy and to carry forward consistent development work.

"In the foregoing may be noted signs of the returning interest in mining. It is not accompanied by the blare of trumpets or the excitement of a wild boom, but is rather the steady growth of a great industry."

The organization of the State Press Association has been postponed until December 15. The change in date was owing to the fact that many of the newspaper men in the eastern part of the state had made arrangements to attend the dedication of the new Elko court house and could not be in Reno last Monday. The date has been set far enough ahead to allow all editors and publishers ample time to borrow car fare and put in an appearance in Reno on the evening of the 14th inst. in time to sign the roll on the morning of the 15th.

One of the Stanford university professors is forcing the students in his dramatic class to play a drama that he has written. Truly Stanford was nearly three times the length of a giraffe's

William Jennings Bryan was rescued from the shipwreck in which he was involved the other day. The most disastrous wrecks that have come to W. J. B. were his political shipwrecks.

The worst of it is, there's always a dear, good, faithful old mother to suffer for the crime of a wayward boy more than he himself is capable of suffering. And it hurts.

From the present outlook it would seem that the singing of "La Paloma" (which means the dove) in Mexico will seem like a fine bit of irony for several years to come.

If Great Britain and Russia had only let Persia alone for a while, Champ Clark might have been induced to run on a platform advocating the annexation of Persia.

A Kansas City paper tells of two pedestrians from that city who "passed through Arrow Rock the other day." Nothing will stop a Kansas City man apparently.

You'll observe that it was other people's money John Pierpont Morgan held when he stubbed his toe. He never has done it with any of his own cash.

Health commissioners of Indiana have ruled that the all-day sucker must go. By the way—this is not the brand of sucker born every minute in the day.

Russia serves notice that she will not permit Italy to block the Dardanelles. Russia talks like a full-grown nation, but she dwindles in a fight.

An Oklahoma girl flagged a train with her red petticoat and saved many lives. The red petticoat always was popular in railroad sections.

A dozen "fresh ranch," at the present price of eggs, wouldn't make a bad Christmas gift, if you can afford a really expensive one.

Gaby Deslys says she never washes her hands in water. That's the way Meandering Mike and Plodding Pete also live.

But may we not expect a decision by the supreme court as to the length of time a trust ought to stay busted?

Looks as if it were up to Uncle Andy to referee this little dispute between cousins Wilhelm and George!

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